

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the first paragraph on page 1 with the following amended paragraph:

~~This invention is related to U.S. Pat. 6,124,268 to Ghosal issued September 26, 2000, copending application serial no. 10/120,156 by Chaudhuri and Marchio et al entitled "Skin Lightening" filed April 11, 2002, now patent 6,649,150 issued November 18, 2003, Provisional application 60/395,612 filed July 15, 2002 entitled "An Effective Method For Regulating The Appearance Of Skin" expired in favor of application 10/616,299 filed July 10, 2003 by Chaudhuri of which the present application is a continuation in part and copending application serial no. 10/660,742 filed September 12, 2003 entitled "Enriched Aqueous Components Of *Embliea officinalis* by Chaudhuri and Puccetti.~~

~~--This application claims the benefit of the filing date of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/424,712 filed November 8, 2002.--~~